

postcard

Went House,
Walsham - G. Willows
Suffol.

2/5/22

My dear Miss Mason -

This is just a
tiny letter to thank you for all
your goodness to us which
we were - Ambleside.
If I covered sheets or thought
how to express myself in any way
I could not really convey to
you all that the conference meant.
But I expect you know what it
means to us & does for us all -

It was so lovely to see you
to see such a lot of you.

Thank you from the whole of us

Your affectionate & loving
Raudia & Sheila

St. Hilda's. Bushey. May 4.

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my dearest Mrs. Mason

Perhaps it is as well sometimes that a fountain pen won't always carry out the whole dictation of one's heart for on long you - wanting to say thank you in such a very big quantity! I can't think about the week at all in rational terms but only in verses from the psalms & bible, & oh it's nice to be getting a little older so that one can understand a little better - each day a tiny bit better perhaps but one doesn't find that out till the conference! It was lovely to have so much of you - it was so delightful to find you well enough to be really generous this time! I like to think of all those other hungry lions coming up in another month, but oh my! in chortling to think that we had first innings!! We narrated it all over to myself about twice already, - but I shall go through it again tonight - like a fat cobra, well fed on rabbit, peacefully sleeping it off into his system!!

Now I'm trying to think hard how I can give it back - & why I am so privileged. I hope I'm not an insulator & that the beauty of this week will pass through me to the children - I do so want them to have it. We spent today in telling the parents about the conference you're having &

writing them to go.

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There are lots of ways of 'propaganding' our message - I'm going to send them on a separate bit of paper. But it's like Christianity - (isn't it specially heavenly to have a vocation & religion all in one? & that's what you've given us) - I always find that the parents see, or do see, the P.N.E.U. as reflected through me. and so it behoves one to keep very single-eyed, & drink profoundly at such times, as last week, when the healing streams do, literally, abound.

and if you do not think it very presuming would you & could you let the present students know how much we love them too. I felt so hurt for them when they were rather witheringly told that we were disappointed to come up & find them making errors such as we have learned to avoid. (I would be awfully jealous if they really were perfect I 'spect!) well - it's only a kind of warmth of love & feeling of wanting to give to others what they are wanting us to tell that makes it possible for some of us old students to get up & speak in an assembly - our knees are very shaky indeed! And anyhow somebody's been doing very beautiful work in the practising school - perhaps you know who the somebody is & could

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congratulate accordingly.

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St Hilda's looks very shiny & clean. There's a big green & white classroom with huge windows, because it was a studio, & a beamed high roof (& oh such lovable children in term time). Then there's the dining room where I am now, brown panelled, & bow windowed, with a shiny base mahogany table & a brown floor, & lots of daffodils & Brier pictures. Then there's a red tiled hall, & a white panelled drawing room hung with M^r Yates pictures & engravings, chiefly - & a white bookcase full of many coloured books, & a bow window & rather comfy chairs in which one is luxuriating on Sunday afternoon! Over these & last rooms are 4 bedrooms. The roof is gabled - & there's a little garden round about, with pear & cherry trees & lots of things that are coming out in spite of the cold - & a hedge simply built for birds nests!

and now on missing Aunt Mary Curry at Bath because she naturally would have required to have known 'all about it' & would have inquired after Phoebe & everything. Alas.

I think it was extraordinarily nice of the ladies to make

a special show for us - Perhaps ^{I hope you} you didn't know
- but there was a sort of pageant of lark ~~was~~ roses
up by Rydal caves - quite unreasonable display of
course, except in the light of it being a conference year!!

There wasn't a chance to say goodbye to anyone
because I had to leave on Wednesday - but what's a
goodbye more or less. But I want to say thank you.
yr loving brain

Vivian Curry.

weren't the Teaford people called Edwin - Angelina? I
know they lived in Bursley - I often think of them
rejoicing in the fact (fictitious!) that 'peacock feathers
are only a penny apiece' in this suburban part of
the world!!

Propaganda

Learn to speak! Heaps of us don't get our message through because we are afraid to say! It's a great effort to speak to a meeting - perhaps because we are bad at narrating! But I think we ought to find someone who will endure our narration until we find that we can, in a more or less effortless, i.e. pleasant, a graceful way, give example & precept.

Guiding. It's not always easy to go to the elementary teachers as a stranger - with no authority. By means of guiding one frequently becomes acquainted with school teachers from all descriptions of schools, & also one gets to know the parents. Through those one might get to work.

As to the guides themselves - the P.N.E.U. has got a lot to teach them! They have, generally, company funds & can purchase books. We can guide the children's choice. We can get a certain

amount of 'narration' into our work. 12p6cm432
As to nature work - how an Un. p.n.e.v. captain
ever gets to work at all I can't imagine! We
make our companies keep flower lists, bird lists
& all the rest of it. Do you know - in one case
a 'nature diary' was expected to be a daily
account of the weather !!!

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c/o Lady Helen Cassel

PUTTERIDGE BURY,

LUTON.

May 5th 1922

My dear Miss Mason

After such a glorious,
joyous Conference Week at
Ambleside I feel I must
write & thank you once
more for everything.

It has meant so much
to see you again & to
hear all you told us &
reminded us of. It has

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been really refreshing &
inspiring, & our minds
& souls have indeed been
richly fed.

With my love & warmest
thanks

I remain

Your affectionate "bairn"

Katharine Loveday.

3 St David's Avenue
Benhill.

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My dear Miss Mason

Just a few words of very
heartily thanks for all your
kindness and hospitality during
the Conference. It was indeed
good to be up in Ambleside again
and it was especially good that
you were able to take such a
very active part. We had a
lovely time - one that we shall
not readily forget. and it
was good to see so many there.
I hope you are not all dreadfully

tried: you all worked so hard
for us in different ways -
I am writing to Canon Clay -
on behalf of the students.

I seem to have been talking
hard ever since my return
but have not told half yet -
Keep on thinking of fresh things.

With much love and my
most loving thanks -

I am ever yours loving
Bairn

William Gray

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May 7th.

REDLYNCH HOUSE,
REDLYNCH,
SALISBURY
STATION, DOWTON, L.S.W.R.

My dear Miss Mason,

I am ready to
start work again with a
healed and well fed
mind. Scale House is indeed
a green pasture and as
for the still waters, they
seem to be within, in a
way of which I have
had no previous exper-
ience.

I am infinitely
thankful & look forward

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to following the ways in
which I can prove myself
to be your faithful &
loving daughter

Ezra Cholmondeley.

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Logmore
Dorhing

May 7th 1922

Dear Miss Mason

I feel I must write and tell you how very much I enjoyed the Conference and how helpful and inspiring the last three days were. It has made everything seem even more 'worth while' than it was before.

You will be glad to hear that Priscilla Barclay very much approves of this term's books! She was very keen on the Pottery last term, and during the holidays she and her brother have made a large potter's wheel - which - alas - just does not work - but we hope to get it all right in working order soon.

Summer really seems to have set in at last - the weather is delightful and everything is coming out fast. I do hope that you didn't find the

Conference too tiring, and that you are not feeling any ill effects.

Please accept my grateful thanks and best wishes for the success of the next Conference

I am

your loving disciple
Nancy Chubb.

P.S. I must tell you that I have at last secured a copy of the picture in the Spanish Chapel in S^{ta} Maria Novella, Florence - by Taddeo Gaddi. I got it thro' a friend who went to Italy.

Destiny

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May 7th
1922.

My dear Miss Mason

We have had very little leisure since we came home, or I would have written sooner to thank you very sincerely for your great kindness to us all during our memorable visit to Ambleside.

It all seems like a dream now we are back again in the old routine, but I know

that we shall all
keep in our memory
the helpful words we
heard from you and
others, also we hope
to carry out the same
in our Teaching life.

Dora & I are both
inspired & are longing
to begin the term.

Miss Smith arrives on
Tuesday, and her room
is all ready for her,
everything is bright &
new for the new Term.

I do hope you are not
too tired after your
great exertions, it must
have been most tiring
to receive so many
people at once as you
did, but I am sure
you know what great
pleasure you afforded
to us all.

With love & many thanks
from Dora & myself to
you and the staff.

yours affectionately
Sophie Smyth.

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52. Lower Sloane St.
London.
S.W.1.

May 7th 1922.

My dear Miss Mason.

Thank you for the
delightful time you gave
us. It was so helpful.
And I have a delicious
picture of you to carry

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in my mind's eye until
we meet again -

With my deep love.

Yrs affectly

Maude Mac Sherry.

P.S. My love to Mrs Stitches
& Miss Parish please.

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45: Fomdale Road.

May 9th 1922.

Banstead
Surrey

My dear Miss Mason -

The rush of packing up, and getting back to my work here has made it almost impossible for me to find a few quiet minutes to write this letter to you sooner, to thank you very, very much for the inspiring, & beautiful time you gave to us at Scale How.

The 1922 Conference will ever be remembered by all who were present, as a very special conference. It was such a great privilege to have you to speak to us so much, & give us your advice about the many problems which arise in our work.

I am quite sure we all earned away fresh courage & hope for our work.

I know I did, & much more besides.

I have often felt so disappointed that my hopes of a small class never seem to materialize, but I think the conference helped me to understand that there is a tremendous field open for ^{more} work, even without a class of one's own!

I do hope you were not very tired after such a strenuous week.

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We much appreciated the lectures & talks given
to us by all the Seal How staff - I have
already started another Nature Note Book, after
Miss Drury's helpful talk -

It was so delightful to feel the happy
atmosphere of Seal How about us again -

With again most grateful Thanks for
all that the conference week has
been to me, & with love -

Your affectionate -

Phyllis M. Borsa

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Inoorwinstow

Dore

Sheffield

May 9th/22

Dear Miss Mason

I feel that I must write you a little note to say how very much I enjoyed the Students' Conference and how grateful I feel to you for your generous hospitality and your ever warm and loving welcome.

The Conference was a real help and stimulus and I will make a real effort to prevent what I have termed 'sliding' before

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'the light of common day' -
I hope that I have told you
before how much I have
always appreciated your
kinty gift of 'The Cloud of
Witness.' It has shined all
my wanderings for 21 years.
and my bedroom would have a
forlorn look with out it.

With much love

your affec: Bairn

Ebrie Inence.

May 10th

Great House Hill 11 cm 452
Hambledon
Godalming

My dear Miss Mason

I should like to write & tell you what a wonderful & lovely week I found that of the Conference, & to thank you so very much for it all. For it was so nice to be able to come up to Scale How so often & to see so much of everyone & everything there. I cannot tell you ^{how} much I enjoyed it all; & the papers & discussions were all so helpful & encouraging. It is indeed a splendid time on which to look back.

Here we are hard at work again. It was so nice to come & find the children longing for the term. We have started reading "Howard the Wake" aloud & Susan is loving it. The three of us are hoping to keep insect lists, & as we know almost nothing about them it will be rather exciting.

I wish I could tell you that M^{rs} Readhead was going to the next Conference, but I fear it is too far, as she is not a very great traveller.

Now I must not keep you any longer.

With much love
Yours affect

Eileen C Plumptre

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31 Holland Rd

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May 12th /22

Dear Miss Mason,

I wish I
could tell you how much
of joy and inspiration
I have brought back from
Ambleside, and how
wonderful it was to
be up at Scale How, in
the Class Room & at
Meditations again, and
hear you speak so
inspiringly of our work.
I feel so ashamed of
how little I have done

and how restless I
have sometimes been.

Now I realize that the
biggest "lit" one can
do is the nearest one
to hand, however tiny
it may be.

With many, many
thanks, and very much
love.

Yours affectionately
Maggie Gladys -